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TITO-GOMULKA MEETING

- I. In an atmosphere of genuine friendship, Tito and Gomulka began their conversations in Belgrade on 10 September.
- II. Polish, Yugoslav leaders probably hope to demonstrate their independent positions vis-a-vis the Kremlin.
 - A. German problem, Oder-Neisse question are probably high on agenda.
 1. Tito openly supported Polish claim to Oder-Neisse territories.
 - B. Greater collaboration between the two countries may be expected, especially in economic field.
- III. Yugoslavs expressed willingness to consult with top Polish leaders after Gomulka's rise to power in October 1956.
 - A. Both sides have held off to avoid aggravating Polish-Soviet relations. Now Tito-Khrushchev meeting in August and Molotov purge in June have produced more favorable atmosphere.
 - B. Soviets have been generally silent on meeting although last week Pravda printed a pointed attack national Communism and warned against accepting capitalist aid.
- IV. East German Communists are apprehensive about Gomulka-Tito meeting.

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they sent emissary to Warsaw early this month to try to persuade Cyrankiewicz to deter closer Polish collaboration with Tito.

A. Cyrankiewicz reportedly rebuffed German, said he fully supported Gomulka, that he (Cyrankiewicz) intended to "proceed further on road pointed out by Gomulka, road to Tito." 7

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